GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Revenue Department – Allegations of Corruption and misconduct - Sri M.V.S Lokeswara Rao, former Tahsildar, Padmanabham Mandal, Visakhapatnam (Presently Working as SDC (TW), Paderu, ASR Dist) - Disciplinary proceedings under rule – 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Articles of charge – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 913 **Dated: 25-08-2025**

Read:

From the District collector, Visakhapatnam, Rc.No.158/ 2023/ Admin.A1, Dt.03.02.2023.

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri M.V.S Lokeswara Rao, former Tahsildar, Padmanabham Mandal, Visakhapatnam (Presently Working as SDC (TW), Paderu, ASR Dist) with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry are proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charges (Annexure – I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-II & III).

3. Sri M.V.S Lokeswara Rao, former Tahsildar, Padmanabham Mandal, Visakhapatnam (Presently Working as SDC (TW), Paderu, ASR Dist) is directed to submit a written statement of his defense within 10 days of receipt of this order.

4. Sri M.V.S Lokeswara Rao, former Tahsildar, Padmanabham Mandal, Visakhapatnam (Presently Working as SDC (TW), Paderu, ASR Dist) is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri M.V.S Lokeswara Rao, former Tahsildar, Padmanabham Mandal, Visakhapatnam (Presently Working as SDC (TW), Paderu, ASR Dist) is further informed that if they do not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para 3 above further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri M.V.S Lokeswara Rao, former Tahsildar, Padmanabham Mandal, Visakhapatnam (Presently Working as SDC (TW), Paderu, ASR Dist) invited to Rule 24 of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri M.V.S Lokeswara Rao, former Tahsildar, Padmanabham Mandal, Visakhapatnam (Presently Working as SDC (TW), Paderu, ASR Dist) is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964.

7. The receipt of the Memorandum may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FAC)

To
Sri M.V.S Lokeswara Rao, former Tahsildar, Padmanabham Mandal, Visakhapatnam (Presently Working as SDC (TW) , Paderu, ASR Dist) (Through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri for service and to return the served copy with dated acknowledgement immediately (By RPAD))
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
The District Collector, ASR District
The District Collector, Visakhapatnam District.
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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI M.V.S LOKESWARA RAO, FORMER TAHSILDAR, PADMANABHAM MANDAL, VISAKHAPATNAM (PRESENTLY WORKING AS SDC (TW) , PADERU, ASR DIST).

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ARTICLE OF CHARGE No.1:-

An Adverse item was published in the Andhra Jyothi Telugu daily news paper with a caption "చెరువుకు టెండర్" on Dt.24.01.2023. The matter was got enquired through the Revenue Divisional Officer, Bheemunipatnam on the issuance of Pattadar Passbook in Sy.No.73/2 measuring an extent of Ac.7.76Cts of Revidi Village, Padmanabham Mandal, Visakhapatnam District.

The matter was got enquired by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Bheemunipatnam and other field functionaries and submitted a report nearly an extent of Ac.5.00Cts covered by Sy.No.73/2 of Revidi Village, which is bounded with water bund which seems to be look alike as water body with Ayacutt which is used for the purpose of irrigation.

The RDO, Bheemunipatnam has reported that as per the statements from the neighbor ryoths and village elders, the subject land Sy.No.73/2 measuring an extent of Ac.7.76Cts., of Revidi Village is called as **YETHAVANI CHERUVU** which is used for source of irrigation and cultivation of crops from their ancestors since 100 years and MGNREGS works are undergoing since 20 years and the village elders also stated that, their ancestors used this water tank for irrigation purposes since 100 years.

As per the F.MB sketch, the topo detail for the Sy.No.73/2 of Revidi Village, Padmanabham Mandal is shown as Cheruvu.

That, Sri M.V.S Lokeswara Rao, former Tahsildar, Padmanabham Mandal, Visakhapatnam (Presently Working as SDC (TW) , Paderu, ASR Dist) has issued Patadar Passbook in favour of Polisetti Srinivas issued vide Khata No. 1249 in Sy.No.73/2P measuring an extent of Ac.5.30Cts., of Revidi Village, Padmanabham Mandal, Visakhapatnam District without applying IA Act, 1956. The Tahsildar not following procedure and not verified Ryotwari Patta

Based on the above records, on ground possession and statements, the subject land is as Water bund and being utilizing for communal purpose by the ayacutt ryoths, the Pattadar Pass Books so issued against the khatadars against the Sy.No.73/2 of Revidi Village and on ground the neighboring ryots are utilizing this cheruvu as Ayacutt to their lands as Irrigation source and paddy fields are exist in surrounding to this cheruvu, but the Tahsildar, Padmanabham has not observing the ground reality and also not followed the I.A. Act, 1956 since the subject land is Inam Land covered by TD No. 102 and causes huge loss to the communal lands.

As per I.A.Act, 1956 and amendment in 1975, all communal lands under section 2A are vested to Government that,

"[2A. Transfers to, and vesting in the Government of all communal lands, porambokes etc., in inam lands:-Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act all communal lands and porambokes, grazing lands, waste lands, forest lands, mines and quarries, tanks, tank-beds and irrigation works, steams and rivers, fisheries and ferries in the inam lands shall stand transferred to the Government and vest in them free of all encumbrances)".

Thus, he has misused official powers for doing favour to the parties and bringing loss to the Government and public, without following the due process and without reporting the matter to the higher authorities. Hence, the charge.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE No.2:-

That, Sri M.V.S Lokeswara Rao, former Tahsildar, Padmanabham Mandal, Visakhapatnam (Presently Working as SDC (TW) , Paderu, ASR Dist) has issued Pattadar Passbook in favour of Manchukonda Venkata Jaganadham S/o (Late) Satyanarayana for an extent of Ac. 10.00 Cts. in Sy No. 107 vide Khatha No.5698 of Potnuru Village, Padmanabham Mandal, Visakhapatnam District without applying IA Act, 1956 and not following due procedure and not verified Ryotwari Patta Further, based on the above records, on ground possession and statements, the subject land is as Water bund and being utilizing for communal purpose by the ayacutt ryoths, the Pattadar Pass Books so issued against the khatadars against the Sy.No. 107 of Potnuru Village may be recommended for cancellation and an appeal to that effect will be filed accordingly Further, the neighboring ryots are utilizing this cheruvu as Ayacutt to their lands as Irrigation source and paddy fields are exist in surrounding to this cheruvu, but the Tahsildar, Padmanabham has not observing the ground reality and also not followed the L.A. Act, 1956 since the subject land is Inam Land covered by TD No 1317 and causes huge loss to the communal lands

As per 1.A. Act, 1956 and amendment in 1975, all communal lands under section 2A are vested to Government that,

"[2A. Transfers to, and vesting in the Government of all communal lands, porambokes etc., in inam lands. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act all communal lands and porambokes, grazing lands, waste lands, forest lands, mines and quarries, tanks, tank-beds and irrigation works, steams and rivers, fisheries and ferries in the inam lands shall stand transferred to the Government and vest in their free of all encumbrances)".

Thereby, the delinquent officer has violated the provisions laid down under Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

The above mentioned acts of the individual being a responsible Government employee, has prima-facie failed to maintain absolute integrity, discipline, impartiality and propriety and behaved in a manner unbecoming of Public Servant and derogatory to the prestige of the Government which constitutes negligence and dereliction of duty of a Government servant thus violated Rule 3 of A.P Civil Service (Conduct) rules, 1964 read with the provisions of AP CCA Rules, 1991. Hence, the Charge.

G JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-II

ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI M.V.S LOKESWARA RAO, FORMER TAHSILDAR, PADMANABHAM MANDAL, VISAKHAPATNAM (PRESENTLY WORKING AS SDC (TW) , PADERU, ASR DIST).

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An Adverse news items were published in Andhra Jyothi daily dated 24/01/2023 with a capation "చెరువుకు టెండర్" in S.No.73/2 measuring an extent of Ac.7.76 cts of Revidi Village, Padmanabham Mandal and dated 29.01.2023 with a caption "□□□ చెరువుకు టెండర్" – □□□□□□□□□ □□□□□□□□□ □□□□□□□□□ □□□□□□□□□□ □□□□□" in S.No.107 of Potnuru Village, Padmanabham Mandal, Visakhapatnam District and the former Tahsildar, Padmanabham Mandal has given e-pass books to the Water Bodies without following due procedure.

The above issues were got enquired by the Revenue Divisional Officer Bheemunupatram and other field functionaries and the facts in each case are as follows:

Case-1: An Adverse item was published in the Andhra Jyothi Telugu daily news paper with a caption"చెరువుకు టెండర్" on Dt. 24.01 2021. In this regard the District Collector, Visakhapatnam has instructed to enquire into the matter and submit a detailed Report on the issuance of Pattadar Passbook in Sy.No.73/2 measuring an extent of Ac7.76 Cts of Revidi Village, Padmanabham Mandal, Visakhapatnam District.

The matter was got enquired by the Revenue Divisional Officer. Bheemunipatnam and other field functionaries and submitted a report stating that the Sy.No.73/2, measuring an extent of Ac.776 Cts. of Revidi Village of Padmanabham Mandal as follows:

As per the SFA:

Sl.No.	Sy.No.	Extent in Ac.Cts	Classification	Name of the Pattadar
1	73-1	0.10	Inam Wet	TD.No.102 Polisetti Venkata Ramanayya and 4 others
2	73-2	7.76	Inam Dry	T.D.No.102 same as Sy.No.73-1
3	73-3	0.11	Inam Dry	T.D.No.102 same as Sy.No.73-1
4	73-4	0.39	Inam Wet	T.D.No.102 same as Sy.No.73-1

As per the list of Prohibited Properties u/s 22A of AP Registration Act, 1908: The land in Sy.No.73/2 of Revidi Village, Padmanabham Mandal is not notified. (A copy of Prohibited Properties List pertaining to Revidi Village, Padmanabham Madnal is submitted herewith for kind reference.)

As per the VA No.3 for the Fasli 1402:

Sl.No.	Fasli	Sy.No.	Extent in Acrs.	Classification	Khatha No.	Name of the Pattadar
1	1402	73-2	7.76	Inam	TD 102/431	1)Polisetti Venkata Ramanayya 2)Allu Peda Sanyasi 3)Allu Narsimhulu 4)Allu Appayya 5)Allu China Sanyasi

As per Webland Adangal:

As verified with the Webland Adangal the following entries are recorded.

Sl.No.	Sy.No.	Extent	Khatha Number	Name of the Pattadar	Name of the Enjoyer	Remarks
1	73-2	0.44	706	Surala Durga	Surala Durga	
2		0.2375	1093	Golagani Rama Suri	Golagani Rama Suri	
3		0.24	1094	Golagani Bangaru Ramulu	Golagani Bangaru Ramulu	
4		0.31	1165	Surala Venkata Rao	Surala Venkata Rao	
5		0.3375	1166	Nalli Appalanaidu	Nalli Appalanaidu	
6		0.3875	1167	Boni Jagadeeswara Rao	Boni Jagadeeswararao	
7		0.3175	1249	Polisetti Srinivas	Polisetti Srinivas	
8		0.22	1250	Karri Sreenu	Karri Sreenu	
9	73-2P	5.30	1249	Polisetti Srinivas	Polisetti Srinivas	Mutation Approved Date 23-01-2023

On ground status: At present nearly an extent of Ac.5.00Cts covered by Sy.No.73/2 of Revidi Village, which is bounded with water bund which seems to be look alike as water body with Ayacut which is used for the purpose of irrigation.

The RDO, Bheemunipatnam has stated that as per the statements from the neighbor ryoths and village elders, the subject land Sy.No.73/2 measuring an extent of Ac.7.76Cts., of Revidi Village is called as YETHAVANI CHERUVU which is used for source of irrigation and cultivation of crops from their ancestors since 100 years and MGNREGS works are undergoing since 20 years and the village elders also stated that, their ancestors used this water tank for irrigation purposes since 100 years.

As per the F.M.B sketch the topo detail for the Sy.No.73/2 of Revidi Village, Padmanabham Mandal is shown as Cheruvu.

The RDO, Bheemunipatnam has further stated that though the land covered by Sy.No.73/2 of Revidi Village, Padmanabham Mandal is classified as Inam Punja where in Ryothwari Patta was not issued to the said Sy.No. The then Tahsildar, Padmanabham has issued Pattadar Passbook in favour of Polisetti Srinivas issued vide Khata No.1249 in Sy. No.73/2P measuring an extent of Ac.5.30Cts., of Revidi Village, Padmanabham Mandal, Visakhapatnam District without applying IA Act, 1956. The Tahsildar not following procedure and not verified Ryotwari Patta.

Based on the above records, on ground possession and statements, the subject land is as Water bund and being utilizing for communal purpose by the ayacutt ryoths, the Pattadar Pass Books so issued against the khatadars against the Sy.No.73/2 of Revidi Village and on ground the neighboring ryots are utilizing this cheruvu as Ayacutt to their lands as Irrigation source and paddy fields are exist in surrounding to this cheruvu, but the Tahsildar, Padmanabham has not observing the ground reality and also not followed the LA.Act, 1956 since the subject land is Inam Land covered by TD No.102 and causes huge loss to the communal lands.

As per I.A.Act, 1956 and amendment in 1975, all communal lands under section 2A are vested to Government that.

"[2A. Transfers to, and vesting in the Government of all communal lands, porambokes etc., in inam lands:-Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act all communal lands and porambokes, grazing lands, waste lands, forest lands, mines and quarries, tanks, tank-beds and irrigation works, steams and rivers, fisheries and ferries in the inam lands shall stand transferred to the Government and vest in them free of all encumbrances)".

As regards to the issuance of e-Pattadar Pass Book for an extent of Ac. 5.30 cents in Sy.No.73/2 of Revidi Village of Padmanabham Mandal, instructions issued to the Tahsildar (FAC), Padmanabham to file an appeal before the Appellate Authority i.e., RDO, Bheemunipatnam and also to implement section 2-A of L.A.Act, 1956 duly following the procedure under law established.

Case - II

As per scanned SFA: The Sy.No.107 measuring a total extent of Ac.19.76Cts., is classified as "Inam Dry" covered by TD.No.1317 and recorded in the name of Pattadar Sri Kilari Rammurthy Naidu and Tirupathi Rao.

As per Webalnd:

S.No.	Pattadar Name	Father/ Husband name	Khata No.	Sy.No .& Sub-Division	Classification of land	Extent Ac.Cts.	Nature of Enjoyment	Mutation Approved Date
1	Manchukonda venkata Jagananandham	(Late) Satyanarayaana	5698	106-1	Dry	10.00	Inheritance	Jul 13 2023
2				107	Dry	10.00	Pattadar	Dec 21 2022
					Total Extent	20.00		

As per the Village Adangal No.3 for the fasli year 1420: the land covered in Sy No.107 measuring an extent of Ac 19.76Cts vide TD No 1317 is noted in Pattadar Column as "Kilari Rammurthy Naidu and Tirupathi Rao" and in remarks column it is recorded as "GAVARAJU CHERUVU".

As per the 22-A(1)(a) Prohibited Properties list; the said Sy No. 107, measuring an extent of Ac.19.76Cts., of Potnuru Village, Padmanabham Mandal is not notified

As per F.M.B sketch, the topo detail for the Sy.No.107 of Potnuru Village Padmanabham Mandal is shown as Cheruvu and the Sy No.107 measuring an extent Ac.19.76Cts., of Potnuru Village, Padmanabham Mandal on ground is covered with Water bund with Ayacutt which is used for the purpose of irrigation.

The Revenue Divisional Officer, Bheemunipatnam has reported that the then Tahsildar, Padmanabham has issued ePattadar Passbook in favour of Manchukonda Venkata Jaganadham S/o (Late) Satyanarayana for an extent of Ac. 10.00 Cts. in Sy.No.107 vide Khatha No.5698 of Potnuru Village, Padmanabham Mandal, Visakhapatnam District without applying LA Act, 1956 and not following due procedure and not verified Ryotwari Patta Further, based on the above records, on ground possession and statements, the subject land is as Water bund and being utilizing for communal purpose by the ayacutt ryoths, the Pattadar Pass Books so issued against the khatadars against the Sy.No.107 of Potnuru Village Further, the neighboring ryots are utilizing this cheruvu as Ayacult to their lands as Irrigation source and paddy fields are exist in surrounding to this cheruvu, but the Tahsildar.

Padmanabham has not observing the ground reality and also not followed the LA.Act, 1956 since the subject land is Inam Land covered by ID No 1317 and causes huge loss to the communal lands.

As per LA.Act, 1956 and amendment in 1975, all communal lands under section 2A are vested to Government that,

"[2A. Transfers to, and vesting in the Government of all communal lands porambokes etc., in inam lands Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act all communal lands and porambokes, grazing lands, waste lands, forest lands, mines and quarries, tanks, tank-beds and irrigation works, steams and rivers, fisheries and ferries in the inam lands shall stand transferred to the Government and vest in them free of all encumbrances)".

Thus, Sri M.V.S Lokeswara Rao, former Tahsildar, Padmanabham Mandal, Visakhapatnam (Presently Working as SDC (TW) , Paderu, ASR Dist) has misused his official powers and issuing pattadar pass books to the individual in connivance with the claimants and failed to discharge their legitimate duties and failed to maintain absolute integrity, discipline, impartiality, sense of proprietary behaved in a manner which is unbecoming of a public servant, derogatory to the prestige of Government which constitutes dishonesty, lack of integrity, devotion, negligence and dereliction of duty of a Government Servant thus violated Rule 3 of A.P. civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence, the said charges.

G JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

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ANNEXURE - III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI M.V.S LOKESWARA RAO, FORMER TAHSILDAR, PADMANABHAM MANDAL, VISAKHAPATNAM (PRESENTLY WORKING AS SDC (TW) , PADERU, ASR DIST).

1. Rc.No.173/2023/A, dt.29.01.2023 of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Bheemunipatnam together with enclosures.

2. Rc.No.174/2023/A, dt.29.01.2023 of the Revenue Divisional Officer Bheemunipatnam together with enclosures.

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

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ANNEXURE - IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI M.V.S LOKESWARA RAO, FORMER TAHSILDAR, PADMANABHAM MANDAL, VISAKHAPATNAM (PRESENTLY WORKING AS SDC (TW) , PADERU, ASR DIST).

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Depositions given by the Village elders and neighbouring ryoths in the Village.

G JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

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